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- 25X1 1. In late July or early August 1953 Ragashar Shape, Tibetan Minister of Defense, left Lhasa for Peiping, accompanied by his son. They traveled overland, via Ch'angtu (N 31-10, E 97-07).
2. The ostensible purpose of the trip was to show Ragashar the programs and activities of youth groups in China so that he would be better qualified to carry out his duties as president of the Tibetan Youth League.
3. Informed opinion in Kalimpong held that the real purpose of Ragashar's trip was the negotiation of Clause 8 of the Sino-Tibetan Agreement signed on 23 May 1951.¹

25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Clause 8 reads: "Tibetan troops shall be reorganized, step by step, into the People's Liberation Army and become a part of the national defense forces of the People's Republic of China."

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. Up to now the Tibetan Army has remained a completely separate entity, and the process of its integration with the Chinese Communist Army has not yet begun.

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